

Clean version of proposed claim 1

1. A method for realizing metering pulses in a Next Generation Network (NGN), comprising the steps of:

delivering a metering pulse information message from a media gateway controller to a media gateway, the metering pulse information message including an indication of a particular group of metering pulse information to be selected by the media gateway;

selecting, by the media gateway, one of a plurality of groups of metering pulse information provided at the media gateway according to the indication of the particular group of metering pulse information to be selected, each of the plurality of groups of metering pulse information including a respective total number of metering pulses to be transmitted and a respective transmission interval between two adjacent metering pulses; and

transmitting, by the media gateway, metering pulses periodically to a user equipment according to the number of metering pulses to be transmitted and the transmission interval between two adjacent metering pulses included in the selected group of metering pulse information.